

SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION PUBLIC NOTICE

The Central Coast Water Board is currently reviewing a Clean Water Act section 401 Water Quality Certification application for the project described below. We encourage public comments on the proposed project and will take comments into consideration when taking action on the application. You may submit written comments on this project to:

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101

San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Attention: 401 Coordinator

OR

centralcoast@waterboards.ca.gov

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Project Applicant: Santa Clara County Roads and Airports Department –Solomon Tegegne

Applicant's Agent: H. T. Harvey & Associates – Kelly Hardwicke

Project Name: Uvas Road Bridges Replacement Project

Receiving Water: Uvas Creek, Little Uvas Creek, and Llagas Creek

City/County: Unincorporated / Santa Clara

Public Notice: March 23, 2020 – April 13, 2020

Project Description:

The purpose of the proposed project is to construct replacement bridges at three locations to meet current seismic standards.

The proposed project activities include:

- Replacing Bridge 94, Bridge 95, and Bridge 96 which are located four to five miles south of Morgan Hill and southeast of San Jose on Uvas Road.

Bridge 94

- Replacing Bridge 94 with a longer, wider bridge;
- Realigning the roadway;
- Shifting the location of the new bridge to match a straightened roadway alignment;
- Demolishing the existing bridge;
- Installing rock slope protection (RSP);
- Constructing the new bridge, three retaining walls, metal beam guardrails, and bridge railings;
- Implementing temporary dewatering if required;
- Relocating overhead utility lines; and
- Implementing temporary traffic control.

Bridge 95

- Replacing the current bridge with a new bridge that can accommodate two lanes of traffic with shoulders;
- Removing the existing bridge;

- Realigning Uvas Road to meet the new bridge;
- Installing railings with a standard height of 54 inches on the east side of the bridge;
- Installing retaining walls up to 8 feet tall south of the bridge;
- Demolishing the road approaches and existing bridge after the new bridge is constructed;
- Providing temporary access to low-flow channels for installation of slope protection and tree removal; and
- Constructing bridge supports and retaining walls using cast-in-drilled-hole concrete piles and spread footings.

Bridge 96

- Replacing the current bridge with a new bridge that can accommodate two lanes of traffic with shoulders;
- Realigning the replacement bridge to approximately 20 feet, angled east and west of the current alignment of the exiting bridge;
- Removing the existing bridge after the eastern portion of the new bridge is completed and can be used for traffic;
- Constructing the western portion of the bridge in the location of the current bridge;
- Diverting water using coffer dams and pumps if it is present; and
- Constructing all bridge piles using Cast In Drilled Hole methods.

Proposed Mitigation:

Contributing \$386,916.19 to a mitigation or conservation bank for 3.19 acres of riparian land, \$9,965.78 for 0.12 acres of seasonal wetlands, and \$126,725.00 for 1140 linear feet of streams.

Santa Clara County Roads and Airports Department filed CEQA documentation for each project separately.